

BILL NO. 59-2007
AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE A REFERENDUM QUESTION BEFORE CITY VOTERS ON THE 2007 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT WHICH WOULD AMEND THE CITY OF READING HOME RULE CHARTER BY CHANGING THE DATE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Directing the Berks County Board of Elections to place the following referendum question to City Voters on the 2007 General Election Ballot:

Shall the City of Reading Home Rule Charter Article IX, Section 902 be amended to require the Mayor to submit the budget to Council on or before ninety (90) days prior to the ensuing fiscal year?

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective within ten (10) days of the date of passage and approval by the Mayor or override of the Mayor's veto.


Passed July 23, 2007


Council President

Attest:


City Clerk


(Solicitor & City Clerk)

Submitted to Mayor: 

Date: 7-24-07

Received by the Mayor's Office: ms

Date: 7-25-07

Approved by Mayor: 

Date: 7/25/07

Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 23rd day of July, A. D. 20 07. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 25th day of July, A. D. 20 07.


CITY CLERK

Proposed Referendum Question - Budget

Presentation of Budget

Shall the City of Reading Home Rule Charter Article IX, Section 902 be amended to require the Mayor to submit the budget to Council on or before ninety (90) days prior to the ensuing fiscal year?

Explanation:

The Charter requires the Mayor to submit the proposed Budget to Council 60 days prior to the end of the fiscal year - November 1. The Charter also requires that the budget must be adopted no later than December 15 of each year. Changing the budget submission date to October 1 of each year will provide Council and the Administration with more time to review and amend the proposed